GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FREEDOM FIGHTERS PENSION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the strikes and struggles identified by the Government for eligibility to freedom fighters` pension;

(b) the total number of freedom fighters in the country who are receiving freedom fighters` pension, State-wise;

(c) the details of facilities being provided by the Government to freedom fighters;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to enhance the facilities of such freedom fighters; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) : A list of movements, mutinies, strikes and conspiracies etc. recognized for the purpose of grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension, cash award, etc. is given at Annexure - I.

(b) : Since inception of the Freedom Fighters Pension Scheme in 1972 till 30.9.2008, Samman pension has been sanctioned by the Government to 1,70,375 freedom fighters and their eligible dependents. State-wise break-up of freedom fighters/dependents who have been sanctioned pension is given at Annexure-II. Since pension is disbursed through Treasuries and Public Sector Banks spread all over the Country, and the power to release dependent family pension to eligible dependents of deceased freedom fighters has been delegated to the pension disbursing authorities, the total number of Freedom Fighters who are receiving pension is not maintained/available in this Ministry.

(c) : Besides Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension, freedom fighters are provided a number of other facilities as per details given at Annexure-III.

(d) & (e) : At present, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.